

## **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

**DECEMBER 2013**

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**Inventory Update Project** – Most of December was consumed with preparing, stuffing and posting 3,000 letters to residential homeowners in Winslow. At the close of this month, we had received several requests for a site visit as well as several submitted forms. Many taxpayers have called or came in with questions about the program itself – all in a very positive manner.

This update is for the benefit of the taxpayers. It is NOT a town wide revaluation. This is primarily a review of the data we currently have on record. Several people have stated that there have been “no changes” since the reval, and that is great, but we still see the importance of verification of the existing data.

**Summit Natural Gas** – The Kennebec Valley assessors met in December with Mike Duguay and Ken Young of Summit. They provided us with the history of the company, a basic overview of the project and answered questions we had. It was very informative. We will be meeting Bangor Assessor Ben Birch, who has experience in the assessment of the Bangor Natural Gas system.

**Current Use Compliance** – at this time of year, I review each parcel enrolled in a current use program such as tree growth and farmland. Tree Growth participants must update their 10 year harvest management plan whereas the assessor is required to notify them in a timely manner. Of the 93 parcels enrolled, 4 will need to renew during 2014.

There are 53 parcels enrolled in the farmland classification. Owners are required to report the annual agricultural income derived from the land every five years for the preceding 5 years. There 9 that will have to report on or before April 1, 2014. I will be notifying them of this requirement.

**October Sales** – I am in the process of reviewing these but it appears from a quick peek that we received 13 actual sales with a monetary exchange, ranging from \$109,000 to \$185,000 for a residential home. The building previously owned by Stimans on Verti Drive sold to Summit Natural Gas for \$435,000.